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In re: Patent Application of Thomas Gassenmeier, *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1619
Appln. No.: 09/787,190 : Examiner: Gina C. Yu
Filed: June 19, 2001
For: USE OF CYCLIC CARBONATES : Attorney Docket
AS MOISTURISERS : No.: H 3486 PCT/US



REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2001 (Paper No. 6), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including January 16, 2002, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims and withdrawal of all rejections, in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 7-25 are currently pending in the present application.

In Paper No. 6, the Examiner rejects claims 17-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner contends that “enhancing”, as recited in claim 17, is a relative term. The Examiner argues that it is unclear “to what the enhancing moisturizing properties are being compared.” (Paper No. 6, p.2). On this basis, the Examiner argues that claim 17, and the claims which depend from claim 17, are indefinite.

Applicants submit that claims 17-25 are not indefinite. Claim 17 is directed to a method which comprises: (a) providing a composition comprising at least one cosmetic or